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SUBJECT: REPORT OF US SUPPORT FOR MOROCCO ON ZAIRE

REF: RABAT 2235

1. AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S COMMENTS ON MOROCCO'S ROLE IN
ZAIRE WERE MADE IN A PRIVATE FAREWELL LUNCHEON ON APRIL 21
FOR MOROCCAN PERMREP ALI BENJELLOUN. AMBASSADOR YOUNG
DID NOT INTEND HIS COMMENTS TO BE RELEASED PUBLICLY.

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WHILE QUOTES CITED REFTTEL DO NOT CORRESPOND EXACTLY WITH
WHAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG SAID THEIR THRUST IS GENERALLY
SIMILAR.

2. SINCE MOROCCANS HAVE GIVEN ACCOUNT OF YOUNGS' COMMENTS
TO PRESS, DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED FOLLOWING PRESS
GUIDANCE FOR USE ON IF ASKED BASIS. EMBASSY MAY

UTILIZE GUIDANCE AT ITS DISCRETION:

3. Q. CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE STORY OUT OF RABAT THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAS PUBLICLY ENDORSED THE MOROCCAN INITIATIVE IN ZAIRE?

A. AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S REMARKS ON MOROCCO WERE MADE IN A PRIVATE LUNCHEON IN NEW YORK IN HONOR OF MOROCCAN PERMREP ALI BENJELLOUN. AMBASSADOR YOUNG PRAISED MOROCCAN ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE AS AN EXAMPLE OF AFRICANS RESPONDING IN A

POSITIVE WAY TO AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND OF AFRICANS SUPPORTING THE PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. AMBASSADOR YOUNG ALSO NOTED OAU SUPPORT FOR ZAIRE.

Q. AMBASSADOR YOUNG ALSO IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HE "DEPLORED" THE "CIRCUMSTANCES" WHICH "DO NOT ALWAYS PERMIT" THE USG TO UNDERTAKE "APPROPRIATE ACTIONS". CAN YOU COMMENT?

A. THE STATEMENT IS NOT REALLY ACCURATE. I BELIEVE THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG WAS ADDRESSING THE QUESTION OF SUPER-POWER CONFRONTATION AND THE CONSIDERATIONS WE MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN LIGHT OF SUCH A POSSIBILITY. AMBASSADOR YOUNG CONTINUES TO SUPPORT US POLICY TOWARD ZAIRE.

Q. DOES AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S STATEMENT REPRESENT US GOVERNMENT VIEWS ON THE MOROCCAN ROLE IN ZAIRE?

A. YES. THE US HAS CALLED FOR AN AFRICAN SOLUTION TO THE
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ZAIRE PROBLEM AND, AS AMBASSADOR YOUNG SAID, WE REGARD THE MOROCCAN ACTION AS BEING WITHIN THAT CONTEXT.

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